

Alaska Child Nutrition Programs

Comparison of Programs SFSP/NSLP/Seamless Option

This is a comparison between the various Child Nutrition summer feeding programs. The purpose of this comparison chart is to inform and encourage more School Food Authorities (SFAs) to provide meals in the summer and other times when school is not in session. Both the Summer Food Service Program and Seamless Summer Option reduce paperwork and administrative burden, making it easier for SFAs to feed children in low-income areas during the summer months or during the extended breaks of a year-round school schedule. Areas where the provisions in the Seamless Summer Option are same as SFSP, rather than NSLP, are highlighted as ***Same as SFSP***.

Topic	SFSP	NSLP/SBP	Seamless Summer Option
Times of Operation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May – September for traditional school calendar areas • October – April during unanticipated school closures (i.e. emergencies) • During student vacations for schools on a continuous year calendar 	When school is in session as established by the school district, including summer school.	<i>Same as SFSP</i>
Meal Service Locations	Schools, Camps, Churches, Community Centers, Housing Projects, Libraries, Migrant Centers, Parks, Playgrounds, Pools, Other public sites where children gather	Schools Residential Child Care Institutions (RCCI's)	<i>Same as SFSP</i>
Meal Cost for Children	All meals are free (Except camps are only reimbursed for children who qualify for free or reduced price meals, camp sponsors may, and usually do, provide meals free of charge to all children)	Meal cost (free/reduced price/paid) for children is based on their income eligibility.	<i>Same as SFSP</i>
Establishing Site Eligibility	<p><u>Open Sites:</u> In the attendance area of a school or in a geographic area defined by census data where 50% or more children qualify for free or reduced price school meals, and open to community.</p> <p><u>Enrolled Sites:</u> 50% or more of enrolled children are eligible for free or reduced price meals, determined by approved application, or operate in an eligible area.</p> <p><u>Migrant/Native Alaskan Sites:</u> Certification by a migrant or native Alaskan organization that the sites serve children of migrant or native Alaskan children.</p> <p><u>Camps:</u> offer a regularly scheduled food service as part of an organized program for enrolled children.</p>	<p><u>Schools:</u> Public and private non-profit schools of high school grade and under that are part of State's education system.</p> <p><u>RCCI's:</u> Public and licensed, non-profit, private</p>	<i>Same as SFSP</i>

Type of Meals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast • Lunch • Snack (AM or PM) • Supper <p>Lunch & Supper cannot be reimbursed for the same day by the same site, except for camp and migrant sites.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast • Lunch • Afterschool Snacks 	<i>Same as SFSP</i>																												
Maximum Number of Meals	<p>2 meals for most sites</p> <p>3 meals for migrant/Alaskan Native sites and camps.</p>	<p>Breakfast</p> <p>Lunch</p> <p>Afterschool Snack</p>	<i>Same as SFSP</i>																												
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Reimbursement Methods	<p>SFSP sponsors receive the maximum reimbursement (meals times rates) without regard to their actual or budgeted costs.</p> <p>Sponsors may use reimbursements to pay for any allowable program cost.</p> <p>Camps are reimbursed only for meals served to eligible children.</p>	<p>Total meals by type times the free, reduced, or paid rate for each type of meal.</p> <p>Extra \$ 0.06 per lunch if menus meeting meal pattern are “certified.”</p> <p>Additional payments for free or reduced price breakfasts in severe need schools.</p>	<p>If area eligible, all meals reimbursed at NSLP/SBP free rate</p> <p>If applications required (Camps or closed enrolled in non-eligible area), free and R/P meals reimbursed at free NSLP/SBP rate. No reimbursement for paid meal</p>																												
Monitoring Required of SFA/Sponsors	<p>Pre operational visits before a new or problem site operates the summer program.</p> <p>Site visits the first week of operation (waived for sites that operated successfully the previous summer).</p> <p>Site review during first 4 weeks of operation, followed by additional monitoring as needed.</p>	<p>Onsite review of lunch counting and claiming system for each school by Feb. 1st each year.</p>	<p>Review of meal counting, claiming and meal pattern compliance at least once during each site’s operation.</p>																												
Monitoring Required of State	<p>Review every 3 years; more frequently based on program size and prior problems identified by the SA</p>	<p>Administrative reviews every 3 years</p>	<p>Administrative reviews every 3 years. Must include one seamless site in an administrative</p>																												

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Meal Pattern	Meal pattern must meet 7 CFR 225.16(d) standards. However, SFAs may substitute NSLP/SBP meal patterns.	Must meet requirement for NSLP in 7 CFR 210.10; or SBP in 7 CRF 220.8.	Same as NSLP/SBP
Eligible Participants	Persons 18 year or younger and persons 19 or older with a physical or mental disability, as defined by the State.	Students enrolled in a school of high school grade and under determined by the SA; including persons enrolled in a school program for the mentally or physically disabled; and persons under 21 enrolled in an RCCI.	Same as SFSP
Public Notification	Sponsor must send public media notice regarding program and eligibility	SFA must send public media notice regarding program and letter or notice with an application to parents for all children in attendance at the school at the beginning of each school year	Public media notice may be done but is not required. SFA must state in application how each site (excluding closed enrolled sites) will advertise availability of meals to neighborhood community.
Eligible Sponsors	SFAs Local government agencies Private non-profit organizations Universities or Colleges Community & faith-based organizations	SFAs	Same as NSLP